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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 8, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 12, as follows:

--As shown in FIG. 1 of the present drawings, the prior art water box 30 and die plate 18 are attached to the housing 10 by fastening elements 20. There are typically twelve or more of such fastening elements on most pelletizers, each of which must be removed in order to remove the water box 30. These fastening elements are often difficult to access if they are close to the inlet and outlet pipes defining the inlet passageway 32 and discharge passageway 34, respectively. As a result, the size of the pipe that may be used in many water boxes can be limited.--

On page 10, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 8, as follows:

--The adapter ring 52 also includes a second plurality of generally circular apertures 72A comparably sized and in alignment with apertures 72 in the main body flange 64 to receive the fastening elements 74. The first and second pluralities of apertures are preferably of the same size, although apertures 72 ~~82~~ are not countersunk. The outer face 78 of the adapter ring 52 is machined to fit in close abutment with the inner surface 68 of

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the flange 64 so that, when joined, the surfaces are sealed tight and the external cylindrical surface 88 of the adapter ring 52 and the external surface 70 of the flange 64 preferably create a generally uniform cylindrical outer surface.--

On page 11, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 14, as follows:

--The outer face 92 of the housing flange 54 is machined to is fit in close abutment with the inner face 96 of the die plate 56, and the inner face 80 of the adapter ring 52 is machined to fit in close abutment with the die face 94 of the die plate 56 so that, when joined together the mating surfaces are tightly sealed and the external surface 90 of the adapter ring ~~54~~ 52, the external surface 98 of the die plate 56 and the external surface 88 of the adapter ring 52 preferably create, along with the external surface 70 of the flange 64, a uniform cylindrical outer surface.--